

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Kahn.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 848 and SB 849 before the committee.

SB 848	George	Insurance; health; offering of wellness coverage with premium rebate; provide for.
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SB 849	George	Insurance; health care corporations; offering of wellness coverage with premium rebate; provide for.
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Jill Costello of Senator George's office testified in support of the bills. Ms. Costello also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO testified in opposition to the bills. Mr. Fletcher also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Scott Lyon of the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Amy Shaw of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Deidra Wilson of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Sean Gehle and Felicia Wasson of Ascension Health-Michigan.

Kim Ross of Pfizer.

Bill Burke of the Michigan Association of Health Plans.

Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to testify.

Krystal Rourke of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to testify. Ms. Rourke also submitted written

testimony.

Representative Robertson moved to report SB 848 with recommendation. Representative Mortimer supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 11-0-4.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Adamini, McDowell, Gleason, Clack.

Representative Robertson moved to report SB 849 with recommendation. Representative Green supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 11-0-4.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Adamini, McDowell, Gleason, Clack.

The Chair laid HB 5123 before the committee.

HB 5123 Mortimer Health; diseases; Michigan arthritis prevention and control program; create.

Representative Leslie Mortimer, sponsor of HB 5123, testified in support of the bill.

Michelle Glazier of the Arthritis Foundation testified in support of the bill. Ms. Glazier also submitted written testimony.

Valerie and Charles Stahl of the Arthritis Foundation testified in support of the bill. Ms. and Mr. Stahl also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Justus Fiechtner of East Lansing testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Curtis Hertel Jr. of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified in support of the bill. Mr. Hertel also submitted written testimony.

Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5123. Representative Mortimer supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 5123 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Wojno supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representative Kahn. Representative Hune supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair _____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk.
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